[English]

Supply of Drinking Water

4389. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to coal mines, the ground water level in the adjoining areas is going low causing acute shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to supply sufficient potable water to the coallieries, the quarters of employees of subsidiaries of Coal India Limited and adjoining villages of coal mines; and

(c) the funds earmarked for this purpose during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No direct link has been established between the mining activity and lowering down of ground water level and consequent shortage of drinking water.

(b) All the subsidiary companies under CIL have got their own water supply scheme including supply of drinking water. Subsidiary companies are also participating in certain water supply schemes mooted by respective State Governments augmenting supply to employees and also to adjoining villages of coal mines.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3051.73 lakhs have been earmarked for the purpose of water supply by the subsidiary companies of CIL.

Coastal Regulation Zone Rules.

4390. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Coastal Regulations Zone Rules in the near future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have invited the views of the State Governments suggesting amendments in the existing rules; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d). Some State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have represented/made suggestions regarding implementation of some provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991. The major issues raised by State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations will be looked into by experts. No decision has been taken to amend the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.

Customer Service in S.B.I.

4391. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the customer service in several branches of the State Bank of India in Delhi particularly in the South Extension has been very much unsatisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to recruit necessary new staff, fill up the vacancies and to improve the customer service?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that customer service in their branches by and large is good. However, it is bank's endeavour always to serve the customers better. Whenever a complaint is received, the complainant is contacted by the bank and efforts are made to resolve the matter to his satisfaction.

At present there are two branches of State Bank of India in South Extension. The bank has confirmed that during the recent past there has been no untoward incident/instances of customers displeasure in these two branches.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) SBI have reported that the staff provided at the above two branches is adequate vis-a-vis business volume.

Trade Fairs

4392. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of trade fairs organised in Delhi by India Trade Promotion Organisation during each of the last three years;

(b) the total value of trade transacted with various countries during each of the last three years and in 1996, till-date;

(c) whether the Government propose to organise more trade fairs with a view to promote the small scale industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be earned from these trade fairs during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The details of trade fairs organised by ITPO in Delhi during the last 3 years are given below :

1993-94	-	8 fairs
1994-95	-	10 fairs
1995-96	-	14 fairs

The product profile of fairs wre. water treatment plants, irrigation system, household consumer products, decorative handicrafts, home textiles, security equipment and devices, shoes and accessories, engineering products, electricals & electronics, agricultural and food products, textile fabrics, ready-made garments, toys etc.

(b) The business which is transacted in the fairs organised by ITPO is both for domestic and export purposes. Based on the information received from the participants, the details of the business generated during the last three years and upto November 1996 are given below :

1993-94	-	Rs. 372.27 crores
1994-95	-	Rs. 886.44 crores
1995-96	-	Rs. 1190.24 crores
1996-97 (upto Nov.' 96)	-	Rs. 592.75 crores

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Government will promote more and more fairs. ITPO will organise 10 and 11 fairs in 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively in Pragati Maidan. It is expected that Rs. 19.63 crores and Rs. 19.42 crores approximately will be earned during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively. The majority of participation in all these fairs will be by the entrepreneurs in small scale sector.

Mining Guidelines

4393. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to formulate new mining guidelines on the lines of mining guidelines of China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) As per information received from Ministry of Mines, Government of India, there is no proposal to formulate new mining guidelines on the lines of the mining guidelines of China. The Ministry of Coal, Government of India, do not also propose to formulate any new coal mining guidelines on the lines of mining guidelines of China.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer given to Part (a) of the question.

Projects behind Schedule

4394. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of coal projects are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the number of such projects and the reasons for not completing them on schedule;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to complete them on time; and

(d) the extent of success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). As on 30.9.1996, out of 65 coal projects each costing Rs. 20 crores and above under implementation in Coal India Limited (CIL) & Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), 13 are behind schedule in implementation. Reasons of delay inter alia include constraints in land acquisition and related rehabilitation problems, delay in equipment supply and turn-key execution, adverse geo-mining conditions and fund constraints.

(c) The Ministry of Coal is monitoring the implementation of these delayed projects. The Ministry and coal companies follow-up with the concerned State Governments in expediting pending land cases and also with equipment manufacturers in ensuring early supply/commissioning of equipment, for providing adequate funds for the on-going projects, coal companies have taken steps to mobilise resources through internal generation, Suppliers' Credit and external borrowings.

(d) With the steps taken as indicated in part (c) of the answer above, the number of delayed projects in the coal sector is showing a declining trend. The percentage of delayed projects as on 30.9.1995 was 28.7%, this has come down to 20% as on 30.9.1996.

Frauds by Finance Companies

4395. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of registered chit and finance companies in Tamil Nadu under bank guarantees as on date;

(b) the number of financial companies that are declared insolvent or wound up during the last three years;

(c) the number of frauds of various finance companies detected during the last three years; and

(d) the action being contemplated to prevent such malpractices by finance companies in future?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) As on 31st July, 1996, there were 118 Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) in Tamil Nadu, which had been registered with RBI. Chit Companies, which are categorised as Miscellaneous Non-Banking Finance Companies, are not registered with RBI. Finance Companies/Chit Companies are not covered under any bank guarantee.

(b) RBI's data reporting system does not generate this information. However, as per information available